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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: David S. BREED et al. *#2
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Serial No.: Not yet known

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For: SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING THE
OCCUPANCY STATE OF A SEAT IN A
VEHICLE AND CONTROLLING A
COMPONENT BASED THEREON

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 9, 2001

Sir:

Applicants herewith submit a list of references including those cited during the prosecution of the parent applications, U.S. patent application Serial Nos. 09/474,147 and 09/382,406, those cited in the specification and additional potentially material references of which one or more of the applicants is aware. A copy of the references cited during the prosecution of the parent applications can be found therein and a copy of each of the additional references is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists. While the term "reference" is used in citing each of the publications called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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Fifteen (15) references